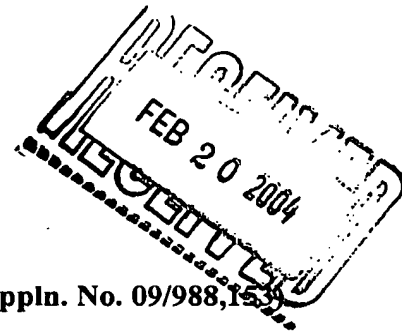




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# TITLE

## PROCESS CARTRIDGE AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

#### FIELD OF THE INVENTION AND RELATED ART

[0001] The present invention relates to a process cartridge and an electrophotographic image forming apparatus.

[0002] Here, an electrophotographic image forming apparatus is an apparatus which forms an image on a recording medium with the use of an electrophotographic image formation method. As examples of an image forming apparatus, there are an electrophotographic copying machine, an electrophotographic printer (for example, a laser printer, an LED printer, and the like), a facsimile machine, a word processor, and the like.

[0003] A process cartridge is a cartridge which integrally comprises a charging means, a developing means or a cleaning means, and an electrophotographic photosensitive drum, and is removably mountable in the main assembly of an electrophotographic image forming apparatus. It also is a cartridge which integrally comprises a minimum of one means among a charging means, a developing means, and cleaning means, and an electrophotographic photosensitive drum, and is removably mountable in the main assembly of an electrophotographic image forming apparatus, and a cartridge which integrally comprises a minimum of a developing means, and an electrophotographic photosensitive drum, and is removably mountable in the main assembly of an electrophotographic image forming apparatus.

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